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It is a matter of public knowledge that a number of Third World countries have surface-to-surface missiles. This group includes Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Libya, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Syria, and Taiwan.

- Iran and Iraq used 300 kilometer range Scud missiles against one another during their eight year war. Baghdad appears to have doubled the range of its Soviet-supplied Scuds by reducing the amount of high explosives in the warhead.
- Libya, Egypt, and Syria have received Scud missiles from the Soviet Union. Tripoli fired two missiles against US forces on Lampedusa Island in response to the US air strike in 1986.
- Saudi Arabia purchased the CSS-2 IRBM from China last year.
- Taiwan first displayed the Ching Feng surface-to-surface missile at a National Day parade in Taipei in 1981. The missile has a range of more than 100 kilometers and resembles the US Lance in size and appearance. ☐

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Three of the countries listed above--Israel, North Korea, and South Korea--have produced their own surface-to-surface missiles.

- Israel produced and deployed a short-range ballistic missile called the Jericho in the mid-1970s. Tel Aviv's satellite launch last September suggests they have the capability to produce medium- or intermediate-range missiles.
- North Korea manufactures a copy of the Soviet Scud missile. Pyongyang sold some of these missiles to Iran, which Tehran used against Iraq during the war.
- South Korea has developed and produced an improved version of the US Nike-Hercules surface-to-air missile. The missile has been upgraded to function in a surface-to-surface mode with improved electronics, warhead munitions, and a new guidance system. ☐

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Tom,

Enclosed is an unclassified document on third world countries developing missiles. This info was requested by Mr. McCurdy and others during the 8 March 89 weekly Current Intelligence Update Briefing.

We hope to forward the info requested on other topics in a few days.

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